

25 August 1954

TO: ALL SECURITY OFFICERS
 FROM: [REDACTED]
 SUBJECT: Recent Appointments

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Under date of 18 August, by General Order [REDACTED] signed by Acting Director, I have been appointed Security Officer "X" [REDACTED] who is relieved for reasons of temporary ill health. General Order [REDACTED] of the year [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is appointed as Assistant in the Office of the First Assistant Director.

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As you have been aware, [REDACTED] has been inactive for more than two months during which time he has been under treatment for the back condition which has bothered him so much. The doctors have found that this condition results from certain old injuries and I am glad to tell you that it has responded steadily, although slowly, to treatment. The doctors have now told him that they expect a complete cure in another 60 days, but that they can promise nothing definite within a shorter period.

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[REDACTED] has been unwilling, in spite of my urging, to continue as Security Officer without bearing the full brunt of the work, and has therefore insisted on resigning from the job. As indicated above, however, he expects to be with OSS again as soon as he is physically fit and will, I very much hope, return to the active work of this branch.

I shall do my best to fill his shoes, and I trust that I can count on you for the full cooperation and support which you have always given to [REDACTED]

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I have appointed [REDACTED] as Deputy Security Officer, who replaces [REDACTED] as chief of the Headquarters Division. [REDACTED] resigned from OSS on the 12th of August to return to civilian life, and [REDACTED] is taking over his job as Chief of Personnel Investigations. Needless to say, we were all very sorry to see Hank go, but an opportunity turned up which he could not afford to miss.

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Otherwise everything remains the same except that your various agencies for personnel keep us in a constant struggle to prevent our going under for the United States. I don't think I have to emphasize that we will continue to serve you men in the field to the very best of our ability.

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